

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

As the Chairman of my Democratic Town Committee, I would ask you stop Sinclair in their bias and make sure they follow all election laws. Anything else is unacceptable !! It is a chilling thought that you would allow this. We do not live in China or Russia. Freedom of speech is an area you must agree is a basic covenant of the citizens and voters of the United States. Any deviation from this principle, is tantamount to censorship and should never prevail. Thank you for your time and consideration. Tim Schulz